

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An aqueous dispersion, comprising:

i) an aqueous dispersion of a block copolymer (I) comprising:

at least one polymer block (A) consisting essentially of olefin monomer units; and

at least one polymer block (B) consisting essentially of 2 to ~~100~~ 45 mole percent of

units derived from at least one vinyl monomer having a carboxyl group or carboxylic anhydride group and 98 to ~~0~~ 55 mole percent of units derived from another vinyl monomer or monomers copolymerizable with the carboxyl group- or carboxylic anhydride group-containing vinyl monomer, in an aqueous solution of not less than 0.05 equivalent, relative to the carboxyl or carboxylic anhydride group, of a basic substance, and

ii) an aqueous dispersion or an aqueous solution of a vinyl polymer (III) incorporated in the aqueous dispersion (I).

Claim 9 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8, wherein a weight ratio between the solid matter in the aqueous dispersion (I) and the vinyl polymer (III) in the aqueous dispersion or aqueous solution (I) is 10:90 to 90:10.

Claim 10 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the vinyl polymer (III) comprises at least one resin selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylic resins, styrenic resins and vinyl ester resins.

Claim 11 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8, which further comprises a tackifier (IV).

Claim 12 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 11, wherein a weight ratio of the solid matter in the aqueous dispersion (I) to the tackifier (IV) is 99.9:0.1 to 50:50.

Claim 13 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the tackifier (IV) is a hydrogenated petroleum resin.

Claims 14-26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8, which further comprises a curing agent.

Claim 28 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the curing agent is an epoxy compound.

Claim 29 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the curing agent is present in an amount of 0.2 to 20% by weight based on a total solid matter in the aqueous dispersion.

Claim 30 (Original): The aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8, which further comprises 1 to 200 parts by weight of an olefin polymer per 100 parts by weight of the block copolymer (I).

Claim 31 (Original): A coating composition, comprising the aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8.

Claim 32 (Original): A coating composition, comprising the aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 11.

Claim 33 (Original): A primer, comprising the aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8.

Claim 34 (Original): A primer, comprising the aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 11.

Claim 35 (Original): An adhesive composition, comprising the aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 8.

Claim 36 (Original): An adhesive composition, comprising the aqueous dispersion as claimed in Claim 11.

Claims 37-43 (Cancelled).

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 8 has been amended, as supported in the specification at page 4, line 26.

Claims 1-7, 14-26, and 37-43 have been cancelled.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 8-13 and 27-36 are now pending in the application.